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WITHDRAWAL OF ABANDONMENT

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In re Application of

Keiko Neriishi et al

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This is in response to the Notice of Abandonment mailed July 19, 2002 holding the above identified application abandoned.

A review of the file history shows that the Office mailed an Office action to applicants on November 6, 2001, setting a three month shortened statutory period for reply. On July 19, 2002, the Office mailed a Notice of Abandonment to applicants. Inasmuch as applicants filed a reply on May 6, 2002, accompanied by a three month extension of time request, the reply is considered timely. Therefor the Notice of Abandonment was mailed in error due to a delay in correlating the reply with the application file and is hereby withdrawn with the mailing of this decision.

Applicants' petition is **GRANTED**.

The application will be forwarded to the examiner for further consideration.

Should there be any questions with regard to this letter please contact William R. Dixon, Jr. by letter addressed to the Director, Technology Center 1600, Washington, DC 20231, or by telephone at (703) 308-3824 or by facsimile transmission at (703) 305-7230.

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